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SUBJECT: VOTING ON PALESTINE RESOLUTION

WHITE HOUSE PLEASE PASS SAM 86970 FOR BREMER; TOKYO FOR S/S

REF: SECTO 75

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SISCO

1. IN KEEPING WITH YOUR EARLIER GUIDANCE NOT TO SEEK TO MODERATE THE RESOLUTION SCALI ASSURES ME THAT USUN CONTINUES TO REFRAIN FROM GETTING INTO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND HAS BEEN GENERALLY STANDING ASIDE. IN SOME LIMITED INSTANCES WHERE FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS HAVE ASKED, USUN HAS INDICATED WE WOULD OPPOSE THE CURRENT RESOLUTION. MOREOVER, YOU WILL NOTE FROM USUN'S 5265) THAT SCALI HAS STRONGLY ADVISED RICHARDS (UK) THAT EUROPEANS AVOID GETTING INTO PROCESS OF MODERATING RESOLUTION. THIS WAS THE RIGHT ADVICE, BUT YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT SOME OF THE EUROPEANS WILL NOT HEED IT.

2. WE HAD EXPECTED ARAB DRAFT WOULD BE INTRODUCED TODAY. HOWEVER, SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN HOLDING SO FIRMLY TO A TEXT WHICH IS SO CLOSE TO THE PLO POSITION, THEY HAVE NOT

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BEEN ABLE TO MUSTER THE KIND OF VOTING SUPPORT THEY WANT. LATEST INDICATIONS ARE THAT EGYPTIANS ARE WORKING ON THE PLO TO MODERATE THE TEXT TO ATTRACT ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

FROM SOME NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS AND SOME EUROPEANS. WE DO NOT KNOW YET EXACTLY HOW THIS EFFORT WILL COME OUT.

3. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I RECOMMEND WE FOLLOW A TWO-PRONGED APPROACH:

A) BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME A RESOLUTION IS FINALLY TABLED WE WOULD CONTINUE TO REMAIN ALOOF FROM DISCUSSIONS ON RESOLUTION AND AVOID COMMENTING HOW WE WOULD VOTE TO HELP MINIMIZE INCLINATION TOWARDS FURTHER MODERATION OF TEXT;

B) ONCE RESOLUTION IS TABLED, AND ASSUMING AS I DO IT WILL STILL BE UNACCEPTABLE TO US, WOULD LIKE YOUR AUTHORIZATION TO INSTRUCT SCALI TO APPROACH SELECTED EUROPEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS INDICATING WE WILL BE VOTING AGAINST THE RESOLUTION AND EXPRESSING HOPE THEY WILL DO LIKEWISE. THIS WOULD BE DONE JUST BEFORE THE VOTING STAGE AND WOULD THEREFORE NOT RUN THE RISKS OF BRINGING ABOUT FURTHER MODERATION OF RESOLUTION. AT SAME TIME IT WOULD OFFER AT LEAST SOME POSSIBILITY THAT WE COULD PICK UP A FEW ADDITIONAL NO VOTES SO THAT WE HAVE SOMEWHAT MORE SIGNIFICANT COMPANY THAN WE DID IN THE FIRST ROUND WHEN WE WERE JOINED ONLY BY ISRAEL, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND BOLIVIA. INGERSOLL

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